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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information which he believes may be material to the examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the information referred to therein is "prior art" to Applicant's invention unless designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information attached to this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

By this submission, Applicant also does not represent that a search has been made nor that better art does not exist.

In addition, Applicant reserves the right to contend, as appropriate, that any information asserted against any claim(s) of the captioned Application is not "prior art" according to the facts and the law.

Applicant further reserves the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over such information, should one or more of the citations listed below be applied against any claim(s) of the captioned Application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner independently determine those citations among the information set forth herein which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

A copy of the following citations are submitted along with PTO Form-1449.

Wielkopolski, WO 01/05647 A2, published January 25, 2001: relates to a drive system.

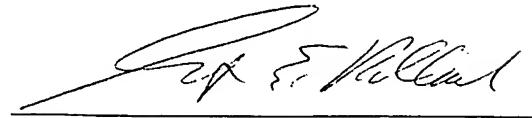
Christiansen, WO 96/22911, published August 1, 1996: is directed to a drive mechanism for a manually powered vehicle.

Stiller et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,419,572, dated May 30, 1995: discloses a reciprocating bicycle drive.

Kludszuweit, DE 44 04 831 A1, dated December 8, 1994: concerns an Antriebs-Einheit Fuer Mechanisch Sowie Biomechanisch Angetriebene Maschinen Und Einrichtungen Wie Fahrzeuge, Trainings - Und Sportgeraete, Boote, Spielzeuge Zur Umwandlung Einer Vorwiegend Translatorischen In Eine Rotatorische Bewegung.

It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application

Respectfully submitted,



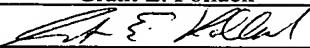
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